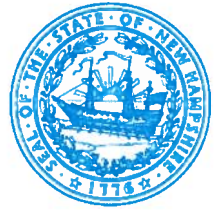




The State of New Hampshire  
**Department of Environmental Services**

**Clark B. Freise, Assistant Commissioner**



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The Honorable Chris Christensen  
Chair, Resources, Recreation and Development  
Legislative Office Building, Room 305  
Concord, NH 03301

**Re: HB 393-FN – An Act relative to the Winnepesaukee river basin control program reserve account**

Dear Chair Christensen and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 393-FN. This bill would rename the existing replacement fund to a reserve account, clarify the manner in which this fund would be assessed to member communities served by the Winnepesaukee River Basin Program (WRBP), and expand how the collected funds may be expended on behalf of the member communities.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) supports retaining this bill in committee until the next legislative session as requested by the WRBP Advisory Board in order to allow the Advisory Board and DES more time to refine the language in the bill. A letter from the Advisory Board Chairman requesting that the bill be retained is attached.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact Eugene Forbes, Director, Water Division ([Eugene.Forbes@des.nh.gov](mailto:Eugene.Forbes@des.nh.gov), 271-3308) or Sharon McMillin, Administrator, Winnepesaukee River Basin Program, Water Division ([Sharon.McMillin@des.nh.gov](mailto:Sharon.McMillin@des.nh.gov), 934-4032).

Sincerely,

Clark B. Freise  
Assistant Commissioner

cc: Sponsor of HB 393-FN: Representative Mark McConkey